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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN TERRORIST SEIZED IN VIENNA

1. WALTRAUD BOOCK, ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH BAADER-MEINHOF BAND IN FRG, WAS ARRESTED DURING BANK ROBBERY IN VIENNA DECEMBER 14; HER ACCOMPLICES ESCAPED AFTER INJURING TWO POLICE AND A PASSERBY. BOOCK WAS CARRYING FORGED SWISS PASSPORT IN NAME OF BARBARA STOLL BUT IS, IN FACT, FRG CITIZEN BORN 5 MAY 1950 AT STALTACH, IFFELDORF, UPPER BAVARIA, AND IS MARRIED TO ANOTHER WEST GERMAN, PETER JURGEN. JURGEN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY, WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY UNDERTAKEN TO SECURE FUNDS TO MEET LEGAL FEES OF BAADER-MEINHOF BAND MEMBERS IN FRG.

2. BOMB EXPLODED IN TRAFFIC BUREAU OF VIENNA POLICE CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS AT 0945 DECEMBER 17 IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE RELATED INCIDENT, APPARENTLY CONFIRMING PRESS SPECULATION THAT ASSOCIATES OF BOOCK MIGHT USE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN ATTEMPT TO FREE HER.

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3. AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES INFORM US THAT FRG AUTHORITIES ARE NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH POLICE HERE, SINCE BOOCK IS WANTED IN FRG IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THERE, AND THAT AUSTRIANS ARE BEEFING UP SECURITY MEASURES IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER TERRORIST ACTION.

4. WE HAVE ALERTED EMBASSY SECURITY FORCES AND OTHER
PERSONNEL TO POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THIS SITUATION AND
INCREASED PERSONAL PROTECTION FOR AMBASSADOR. BUCHANAN

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